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To Whom It May Concern:

I was pleased to note that the Department Of Justice had finally decided that there was no profit in persecuting Microsoft any further and has tentatively accepted a settlement that, while still not fair to Microsoft, will at least end the legal battles and allow them to continue to innovate the PC industry. I honestly feel that it is unfair that Microsoft will be forced to allow it's competitors to see the code for their products. To me, that looks a bit like industrial espionage, you try to see what the competition is doing and find a way to use it and make it better. In fact, Microsoft got sued a few years ago by a little company called Stac for using a similar compression algorithm in a disk compression utility. Thank you for finally showing some good sense and letting this thing die.

Sincerely,

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